

CLAIMS

We claim:

1. An inbound automatic notification system comprising:
 - (a) at least one client processor configured to receive information about a plurality of assets;
 - (b) a notification processor configured to receive the information from the at least one client processor; and
 - (c) a database configured to receive the information from the notification processor.
2. The notification system of claim 1 wherein the notification processor is further configured to standardize the information.
3. The notification system of claim 1 wherein the notification processor is further configured to evaluate the information.
4. The notification system of claim 3 wherein the notification processor is further configured to identify actionable information based on the evaluation of the information, wherein the notification processor is configured to transmit a notification relating to the actionable information.
5. An outbound automatic notification system comprising:
 - a database configured to store information about a plurality of assets;

a processor in communication with the database, the processor configured to track information about the plurality of assets and transmit a notification upon a certain condition relating to one of the plurality of assets being met.

6. The notification system of claim 5 wherein the notification is an electronic communication.

7. The notification system of claim 5 wherein the notification is configured to be sent to an owner/operator.

8. The notification system of claim 5 wherein the notification is configured to be sent to a service provider.

9. A central asset management system comprising:

a central processor configured to track information from a plurality of notification systems, the information being relevant to managing each of a plurality of assets of a plurality of enterprises;

a notification processor configured to standardize the information from each of the plurality of notification systems, whereby the information is compatible with the central processor; and

a database configured to store asset information for the plurality of assets, the database in communication with the central processor.

10. The system of claim 9, wherein the notification processor is in communication with each of the plurality of notification systems through one of a plurality of modems.

11. The system of claim 9, wherein the notification processor is in communication with each of the plurality of notification systems through the Internet.

12. A method of processing information from a plurality of notification systems over a network, the method comprising:

- receiving the information from one of a plurality of notification systems;
- standardizing the information to be compatible with an asset management system; and
- transmitting a notification relating to the information.

13. The method of claim 12 wherein transmitting the notification further comprises transmitting the notification to a database.

14. The method of claim 12 further comprising evaluating the information.

15. The method of claim 14 wherein evaluating the information further comprises identifying actionable information.

16. The method of claim 15 wherein transmitting the notification further comprises transmitting the notification directly to an owner/operator.

17. The method of claim 15 wherein transmitting the notification further comprises transmitting the notification directly to a service provider.

18. A method of transmitting notifications from an information management system, the method comprising:

tracking information relating to a plurality of assets;

identifying satisfaction of a pre-determined condition relating to the information; and

transmitting a notification relating to the satisfaction of the pre-determined condition.

19. The method of claim 18 wherein the pre-determined condition is based on defined criteria.

20. The method of claim 19 wherein the defined criteria are definable by a user.

21. The method of claim 19 wherein the defined criteria are pre-determined.

22. The method of claim 18 wherein the notification is an electronic communication.

23. The method of claim 18 where transmitting a notification further comprises transmitting the notification to an owner/operator.

24. The method of claim 18 where transmitting a notification further comprises transmitting the notification to a service provider.

25. The method of claim 18 where transmitting a notification further comprises transmitting the notification to a processor.